

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Dr. Janet H. Jopke

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke was born in Bay City, Michigan in 1942, and graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1961 and was inducted into the Bay City Central "Hall of Fame"; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke received a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University, and Master of Arts from Oakland University, an Education Specialist and Doctorate in educational administration from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke began teaching in Bay City Public Schools in 1965; and also taught in Norwalk, California; and West Bloomfield, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke continued her educational career as a Reading Consultant, Principal, Coordinator of Primary Programs and Assistant to the Superintendent in Utica Public Schools; and former Superintendent of Schools in St. Clair Shores Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke was Troy School District's longest serving superintendent in its 50-year history beginning her service as superintendent there in 1993; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Janet Jopke the Troy School District gained a national reputation as a premier school district with all schools achieving Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary status, all schools accredited by the North Central Association, and both Athens and Troy High Schools being named among the 98 top high schools in the nation by the U. S. News and World Report; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke was selected for the Michigan State University College of Education Alumni Award for Outstanding K-12 Administrator and was given the "Distinguished Educator" award by Wayne State University College of Education Alumni Association in May 2005; and

WHEREAS, Janet Jopke's untimely death on June 1, 2005, has left education without one of its most stalwart champions and innovative leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education join with the entire education community in Michigan to mourn the loss of one of its finest colleagues; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education extend to the family of Janet Jopke and the entire Troy school community its sincere sympathy and solicitous regard in their bereavement.



Adopted June 14, 2005

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D., Interim
Superintendent of Public Instruction